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who unfortunately are driven to criminal courts is arguing in a vicious circle, and I am sorry to say that the time taken by the courts in this direction is not altogether a defensible point. It is a matter of common knowledge that for nearly sixty years, ever since the Act of 1861 was placed on the Statute Book, accused persons have not been asked to pay a court-fee and legal practitioners were appearing on their behalf. Time was, years ago, when we appeared on behalf of the accused, we said simply: 'we appear for so and so, accused' and we never used to file a memorandum. Thereafter, the rule 141 of the Criminal Rules came into operation and since then we have been simply filing memoranda of appearance. There is no reason or justification, and no case has been made out for taking away the privileges which have been enjoyed hitherto without any question and without any interruption for a long number of years. And it is also a matter of common knowledge that accused persons are obliged to incur heavy charges and I believe it is within the recollection of this House that quite recently even the price of copy stamps has been raised from 2 to 3 annas. All things considered, I venture to submit, it is incumbent upon us to vote against the introduction of this Bill."

X

APPROVAL BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF THE ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Before the House rises for lunch, I have to inform hon. Members that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the election of Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai as Deputy President."

XI

ANALYSIS OF VOTING ON THE 'NO CONFIDENCE' MOTION.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Mr. President, with reference, Sir, to the debate which took place yesterday, I beg to thank you for having allowed a question of which I gave private and, I am afraid, very inadequate notice. I wish to know, Sir, if any analysis has been made of the votes that took place yesterday, especially with reference to one of the points mentioned in the terms of the address, namely, that the composition of the Ministry was against the deliberate verdict at the general election. Sir, you will be laying us all under a very great obligation indeed, if you will kindly inform this House how many of the elected Members voted for the address, how many of the elected Members voted against and how many of the elected Members remained neutral."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is a very unusual request, but I take it, it is due to the unusual circumstances. I hope it will not be made a precedent binding myself or my successors. I think hon. Members are aware that 108 Members voted, 43 *for* and 65 *against* the motion. All the 43 Members who voted for the address were elected Members (Applause). Of the 65 Members who voted against the address, 44 were elected Members."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Including the Ministers, Sir" ?

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Ministers are also elected Members."